

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A method of forming an image comprising the steps of:

providing a development bias having a DC component and an AC component superposed on one another; and

applying the development bias to a developer carrying member,

wherein the AC component is provided by superposing a waveform at a second frequency on a waveform at a first frequency in synchronism with each other; and

wherein the second frequency is an odd multiple of the first frequency.
2. (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a potential for forming an electric field in a separating direction of a developer is maintained relative to a potential at an image carrying member in a half period of a developing side on one period of the first frequency.
3. (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a potential for forming an electric field in a developing direction is maintained relative to a potential at the image carrying member in a half period of a developing side on one period of the first frequency.

4. (original): An image forming apparatus comprising:
developer carrying member, to which a development bias is applied,
wherein the development bias having a DC component and an AC component superposed
on one another;

wherein the AC component is provided by superposing a waveform at a second
frequency on a waveform at a first frequency in synchronism with each other; and
wherein the second frequency is an odd multiple of the first frequency.

5. (original): The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein a potential
for forming an electric field in a separating direction of a developer is maintained relative to a
potential at an image carrying member in a half period of a developing side on one period of the
first frequency.

6. (original): The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein a potential
for forming an electric field in a developing direction is maintained relative to a potential at the
image carrying member in a half period of a developing side on one period of the first frequency.

7. (new): The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the development bias applied to
the developer carrying member controls a separation of a developer from the image carrying
member and controls a development of the developer on the image carrying member.

8. (new): The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein the development bias applied to the developer carrying member controls a separation of a developer from the image carrying member and controls a development of the developer on the image carrying member.